

Remarks

Consideration of the application is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-22 remain in the application. Claims 1-3, 7-11, 13, 14, 16, 17 and 19-21 are subject to examination and claims 4-6, 12, 15, 18, and 22 have been withdrawn from examination.

In the Restriction Requirement dated July 28, 2005, the Examiner set forth an election/restriction requirement requiring selection of either **Species A**, consisting of claims 1-4, 7-14, 16, 17 and 19-22 drawn to an adaptor module between a XENPAK module and an XPAX board assembly; **Species B**, consisting of claims 1-3, 5-7, 9-12 and 14-21 drawn to an adaptor module between a XENPAK module and an X2 board assembly; or **Species C**, consisting of claims 1-3, 7-11, 13, 14, 16, 17 and 19-21, drawn to an adapter module between a XENPAK module and an XFP board assembly.

Applicants acknowledge the Examiner's restriction of the invention in "Election/Restrictions" item 1 on page 2 of the above-identified final Office Action on page 2 and respectfully elect **Species C** consisting of claims 1-3, 7-11, 13, 14, 16, 17 and 19-21, without traverse. Accordingly, applicants withdraw unelected claims 4-6, 12, 15, 18, and 22 without prejudice. However, the applicants respectfully maintain their right to rejoinder should allowable claims be found in the instant application.

Conclusion

If the Examiner has any questions, he is invited to contact the undersigned at (206) 407-1509 or Al AuYeung, with whom the Examiner conducted the initial teleconference

regarding the election, at (503) 796-2437. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge shortages and/or credit overpayments to Deposit Account No. 500393.

Respectfully submitted,
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